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Ngwe language

Ngwe (Ŋwɛh, Nweh) is a Grassfields language spoken predominately in Lebialem, Cameroon. As of 2001, Ngwe had 73,200 speakers, which was an increase from the numbers of previous censuses. It is part of the Bamileke dialect continuum, and its closest relatives are Yemba and Ngiemboon.

Ngwe	
Native to	Cameroon
Native speakers	73,000 (2001)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Southern Bantoid ▪ Grassfields ▪ Eastern ▪ Bamiléké ▪ Bamboutos ▪ **Ngwe**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nwe
Glottolog	ngwe1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ngwe1238)[2]

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It has at least thirteen vowels, /i y e ɛ æ ɐ ɑ ɔ o u ɯ ɤ ʌ/.[3] /ɤ ʌ/ are centralised.[3] /y/ sounds somewhat like [ø] or [œ] and has a tongue position similar to that of /ɑ/, but with the jaw raised and the lips very close together.[3]

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